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1. The greatest distinction between living conditions of officers and enlisted men in the North Korean Army was that married officers were allowed to live with their families and were given a family allowance. Married officers were issued ration tickets to purchase rice, beef, and other foods; they were also given living quarters similar to those of civilians. Usually two officer families lived together in a single house.
2. Single officers lived in army camps and ate in camp mess halls. By selling their rations in the market they were able to supplement their income by about 2,000 won per month.
3. Merchants in the Ch'ongjin Market said that enlisted men were required to live and eat in camp, and that they were allowed one package of cigarettes per day.

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 Comment. the fact that officers had access to their families caused dissatisfaction among enlisted men.

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2. Comment. The amount of the rations is not known. According to the Food Supply Regulation Book, dependents of military personnel were allowed 300 grams of rice per person per day. If a dependent farmed he was given no rice allowance but was allowed a reduction in his taxes-in-kind.

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